

MEMORANDUM

To: Citizens' Advisory Committee

From: Planning Staff and Consultant Team

Re: July 7, 2003 Meeting

Date: June 30, 2003

At the June 23 meeting, the CAC made substantial progress reviewing potential objectives and policy statements for the new General Plan. To assist you in your preparations for next Monday's meeting, here are some points to keep in mind:

- **Terminology may change, but the overall goal is the same.** The workbook title is *Objectives and Strategies*. As discussed at the June 23 meeting, the term "strategies" may be replaced with "Ideas" or "Policy Tools" or some other similar term. The focus for now should be on the substance of the statement and whether it is relevant for Riverside.
- **Everything but the Kitchen Sink.** The workbook presents an extensive list of options for potential inclusion in the new General Plan, with no judgements made as to the importance or appropriateness of the statements. The statements were drawn from the existing General Plan and the many public meetings held to receive ideas and comments. City staff and the consultant team look to the CAC to direct which options should be included in the General Plan, which options should be discarded, and which options can be condensed into more succinct policy or action statements.
- **Topic Group Meetings.** Planning staff and the consultant team conducted a series of Topic Group meetings in early June on several focused issues, such as environmental interests, education, and zoning/subdivision matters. You may wish to review the summaries of these meetings to understand the breadth of issues discussed and how they may relate to the new General Plan. These summaries are available for review on the General Plan website. Go to www.ci.riverside.ca.us, click on the General Plan icon and then the Fox Theater icon (Meetings, Agendas, Minutes), then scroll down to Topic Groups.

Paper copies can be obtained from planning staff upon request by contacting Diane Jenkins at (909) 826-5625.

Further questions about the July 7 meeting should also be referred to Diane Jenkins at the above number.

On July 7, we will begin the discussion with the Public Safety Element and get through other materials left over from the June 23 meeting. We will then return to the Education Element and Urban Design, as the group indicated a desire to review these materials more carefully. A representative of the Education Subcommittee will join the CAC on July 7.